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Confirmation #	5160
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First Inventor	GARDNER
Art Unit	2171
Examiner	Unassigned
Docket #	CI099-0CI16

### ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

Fees calculated below  
 Preliminary Amendment  
 including Attachment(s)  
 After Final Amendment/Reply  
 including Attachment(s)  
 Extension of Time Petition

Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Appl.  
 Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
 Information Disclosure Statement  
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### FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:

	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
TOTAL CLAIMS	24	20	4	X \$ 18 =	72
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	3	0	X \$ 88 =	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					
Reduction by 1/2 for small entity status of applicant					SUBTOTAL = 72
Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					
Other fee for					
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					72.00

A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$72.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555:  
 (1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or  
 (2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Date: November 16, 2004

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Preliminary to the examination thereof:

A) please consider the **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and

B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment C**.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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